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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Presently Amended) An internal combustion engine and bearing arrangement for an engine driven accessory, said engine having a driven shaft journalled by a pair of mating light alloy castings, a reinforcing element formed from a stronger material than said castings embedded in one of said mating castings, said driven shaft being supported at least in part by the reinforcing element, and a component of said engine driven accessory being supported directly by said reinforcing element.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) An internal combustion engine and bearing arrangement as set forth in claim 1 wherein the pair of mating castings comprise a cylinder block and a bulkhead member cooperating to journal the engine driven shaft that comprises a crankshaft.
4. (Original) An internal combustion engine and bearing arrangement as set forth in claim 3 wherein the engine driven accessory is driven from the crankshaft by a flexible transmitter.
5. (Currently Amended) An internal combustion engine and bearing arrangement as set forth in ~~claim 4 wherein the for an engine driven accessory, said engine having a crankshaft journalled by a pair of mating light alloy castings, said engine driven accessory being driven from said crankshaft by a flexible transmitter, a reinforcing element formed from a stronger material than said castings embedded in one of said mating castings, and a tensioner for said flexible transmitter supported directly by said reinforcing element component of the engine driven accessory mounted by the reinforcing element comprises a tensioner for the flexible transmitter.~~
6. (Original) An internal combustion engine and bearing arrangement as set forth in claim 5 wherein the tensioner is comprised of a pivotally supported member for applying pressure to the flexible transmitter.
7. (Original) An internal combustion engine and bearing arrangement as set forth in claim 6 wherein the pivotal support for the member is provided by a pin carried directly by the reinforcing member.
8. (Original) An internal combustion engine and bearing arrangement as set forth in claim 6 wherein the pivotally supported member is biased by a torsional coil spring having an end engaged with the pivotally supported member and another end engaged with the bulkhead member.
9. (Original) An internal combustion engine and bearing arrangement as set forth in claim 8 wherein the other spring end is trapped in a slot formed in the bulkhead member and closed by the engagement of the bulkhead member with the cylinder block.

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10. (Original) An internal combustion engine and bearing arrangement as set forth in claim 9 wherein the pivotal support for the member is provided by a pin carried directly by the reinforcing member.